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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing please find a Declaration and Power of Attorney in connection with the above-identified application. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-1095 in the amount of \$65.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e). Also enclosed is a copy of PTO form entitled "NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION."

Enclosed herewith is a certified copy of European Patent Application No. 00402225.7 from which priority of August 3, 2000 is claimed with regard to the above-identified patent application, as well as a substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52.


Applicants enclose herewith the sequence listing in computer readable form (*i.e.*, a diskette) as well as a paper copy. The sequence listing does not include matter which goes beyond the content of the Application as filed and the information recorded on the diskette is identical to the written sequence listing. A Statement Accompanying Sequence Listing is also enclosed.

In addition enclosed herewith is an Extension Petition for a three-month extension to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts from November 18, 2001 to February 18, 2002, as well as an Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449, 3 references.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to call applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000. If any additional fees are required by the present Communication, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge them to our Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
  - Papers contain improper margins. *Each sheet must have a left margin of at least 2.5 cm (1") and top, bottom and right margins of at least 2.0 cm (3/4")*
- This application does not contain a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). Applicant must provide such statement. If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000).
- A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is

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